

Town of Mansfield  
Energy Education Team  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
May 17, 2011

Present: Don Hoyle (acting chair), Dennison Nash, Madeline Priest (Neighbor to Neighbor), Jenna Zelentz (Neighbor to Neighbor), Jeff Crawford (Neighbor to Neighbor), Virginia Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

The minutes of the April 12, 2011 were reviewed noting one correction.

Ginny stated that the May 14 farmer's market featured a display of the Mansfield Hollow hydro project, a functioning homemade photovoltaic system, the Neighbor to Neighbor energy challenge and the CleanEnergyOptions program.

Don reported that he attended a program on transition towns, and speaker Tina Clarke is willing to present an introduction of transition towns in Mansfield. Ginny and Tina are looking at dates in June. Once a date is set, Neighbor to Neighbor will publicize the program.

Madeline reported that the regional launch of the Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge is Saturday, May 21 from 12:30 pm to 3 pm at the Windham Textile Museum and Garden on the Bridge. Don, Dennison and Ginny will be attending. It was decided that the Town of Mansfield will challenge Lebanon to increase its solar installations. Ginny will ask the Town Manager if he can present the challenge. Otherwise, Madeline will ask Dan Britton. Don was willing to present the challenge as a back-up. Ginny will invite the Town Council to Saturday's launch. Madeline presented the Town with a Neighbor to Neighbor display that Ginny will circulate around the municipal buildings. Jenna reported that the Town of Mansfield is leading the fourteen Neighbor to Neighbor towns in its number of residential, municipal and business solar systems. Ginny stated that according to a CL&P report she received, there are 28 solar installations for a total of 247 kilowatts in Mansfield. The Town has had 14 households receive lighting retrofits. The on-line energy manager should be ready for use sometime this summer.

Ginny stated that a ribbon cutting ceremony for the additional four kilowatt photovoltaic system on E. O. Smith High School's roof will be Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 2:30 pm.

Ginny distributed flyers for the Introduction to Do It Yourself Solar presentation on Monday, June 6 at 7:30 pm at the Buchanan Auditorium. Neighbor to Neighbor will post the information on their website.

Ginny reported that after Mansfield Energy Challenge winner, Betty Robinson, is reimbursed for her purchase of an EnergyStar air conditioner, there will be roughly \$300

left of the Community Innovations grant. Members were asked to come up with ways to promote the grant to community groups and individuals.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2011. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton